other NTPC projects, cost estimates for Faridabad Gas Power Project were based on the latest awarded rates for similar projects taking into account effect of price escalation changes in the rates of taxes and duties, exchange rate variation etc.

(c) No, Sir.

Pending Power Projects of Andhra Pradesh

2030. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any proposals from Andhra Pradesh pending for clearance to locate Diesel power station at Renigunta and Hydel project at Jurala;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) at what stage of consideration are the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (c) A 100 MW Oil based Diesel Engine Power Plant proposal at Renigunta (Distt. Chittor) in Andhra Pradesh is under consideration in the Central Electricity Authority for techno-economic clearance. Pnyadarshim Jurala H.E. Project (6 X 36.9 MW) was cleared by CEA on 10-3-92 and is pending with the Ministry of Environment & Forests for environmental clearance.

Clearance of Mukerian Hydel Project

2031. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the feasibility report of the scheme of Mukerian Hydel Project Stage II has been sent by Punjab Government to the Central Government for its technical approval; and

(b) if so, by when the clearance is likely to be accorded?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) The Project Report in respect of the Mukhenan Hydel Project Stage II has not so far been received in the Central Electricity Authority from the Government of Punjab.

Power Projects Formulated Since July, 1991

2032. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that not even a single power generating projects has been grounded since July, 1991 in the private sector or joint sector or with foreign collaboration;

(b) what are the reasons for this stalemate;

(c) what number of applications have been received by his Ministry since July, 1991 from all sectors to set up power projects;

(d) what are the details of such applications cleared by Government; and

(e) what number of applications are at present receiving scrutiny?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Since July, 1991 seven projects have been approved for a total capacity of 4950 MW from foreign investment angle. Promoters are discussing details, of Power Purchase Agreement, Ccmmissioning schedule, with the concerned State Electricity Boards and State Governments. Three (3) project proponents who have concluded Power Purchase Agreements are now in the process of tieing up their finance. It is expected that some among these should be finalised soon and work commenced. Existing Private Sector Companies have taken up construction of 1337 MW additional capacity. One new company has taken up construction of 12 MW.

(b) There is no stalemate.

(c) 46 expressions of interest have been received to set up power projects in the private sector.